



SUSTAINABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPO Announces the DOE Deep Energy Retrofit Challenge

The Sustainability Performance Office (SPO), in cooperation with the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), has launched a DOE-wide Deep Energy Retrofit Challenge. SPO is challenging DOE sites to implement retrofit projects that yield substantial improvements in facility sustainability. The objective is to award, by the end of FY 2018, at least \$125 million in performance-based contracts that reduce energy use in the treated facilities by at least 40%. The Challenge will help the Department meet other goals under Executive Order 13693, including reducing Scope 1&2 greenhouse gas emissions by 50%; ensuring that 30% of electricity is derived from renewable sources; and that 17% of DOE's buildings meet the Federal Guiding Principles for High Performance Sustainable Buildings. Details on the challenge are forthcoming.





SPO Hosting Dashboard Support Open- Line Help Calls Through Reporting Season

SPO is holding open-line help calls for [Dashboard](#) support throughout the reporting season. Calls are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3pm EST until December 6th. Dial in with questions regarding account setup, data entry, goals, etc. Please consult the [open-line help call schedule](#) for details on how to access the webinars. Additionally, if you would like to request a Dashboard training session for your office or site, please contact the SPO directly at sustainability@hq.doe.gov.

SPO Releases Guidance on DOE ESPC Oversight and Best Practices

[Energy Savings Performance Contracts \(ESPCs\)](#) are one of the most cost effective ways to reduce energy costs, cut pollution, and create jobs. To help maximize the benefits of ESPCs to DOE sites, [SPO has developed a guide](#) that can help ensure high-value, technically excellent, and financially sound ESPC projects at DOE facilities. The guide provides recommended practices based on lessons learned that apply universally to all DOE programs, field/site offices, facilities, and other organizational elements involved in ESPCs. This information is intended to complement existing ESPC guidance, including the guidance, training, and resources provided by FEMP.

White House Launches Green Tool to Help Identify Sustainable Contract Vehicles

On September 7th, 2016, the White House launched [Green !\[\]\(4b7a79268f6ba26c1471d4232fffa85a_img.jpg\)](#) (Check), a new tool to further sustainable purchasing and strengthen environmental stewardship requirements in Government acquisitions. Those who utilize GSA's [Acquisition Gateway](#) will now see a Green  next to contract vehicles that are identified as sustainable and that advance the Federal green purchasing goals. All chosen contract vehicles with a green check have been reviewed by a cross-agency advisory team led by the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that these contracts provide a source of equipment that meets or exceeds Federal energy efficiency and other sustainable IT standards. This innovation will help make the contract selection process more sustainable and easier for a given agency to make the more sustainable choices. Likewise, it would incentivize contractors to implement more sustainable practices into their businesses. To learn more about the Green  tool and how it can benefit your office, click [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October
3rd-7th: SPO to upload unlocked FIMS data
27th: Sustainability Working Group Meeting, 2-3:30pm

November
1st-8th: SPO to QA/QC data and work with sites to finalize FY 2016 data
2nd-3rd: [Federal Utility Partnership Working Group \(FUPWG\) Seminar](#)

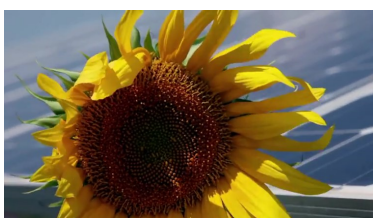
TRAINING

ON-DEMAND
Visit FEMP's [Training Search](#) for a comprehensive collection of on-demand trainings.

October 19th
[UESC Training for Utility Representatives](#)

October 31st - November 1st
[Advanced UESC Workshop](#)

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



[NREL Helps Universities Go Solar](#)

NREL is offering no-cost technical assistance to universities seeking to go solar.

SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

[Sustainability Dashboard](#)

[Dashboard PowerPedia](#)

[Dashboard User Guide](#)

[2017 SSP Guidance](#)

[SPO Website](#)

[SPO Facebook Page](#)

SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESS STORIES

DOE Office of Legacy Management Wins GreenGov Presidential Award for Sustainable Innovation in Waste Management

SPO would like to recognize the [DOE Office of Legacy Management](#) (LM) for receiving the Sustainable Innovation Award for Tweaking Treatment/Reducing Waste at the 2016 [GreenGov Awards](#). The Annual 2016 GreenGov Presidential Awards, hosted by the [Council on Environmental Quality](#) (CEQ), was held on September 7, 2016 at the White House to award Federal agencies for their sustainability efforts. LM was recognized for developing a unique groundwater treatment system that operates on battery power recharged by a solar panel array mounted on a standard cargo container. This innovation reduces carbon footprint, eliminates waste, improves safety, reduces long-term costs, and improves groundwater treatment reliability. Thank you LM for the wonderful, sustainable innovations and congratulations on your award!

Stay Tuned! Information regarding the 2017 DOE Sustainability Awards is forthcoming!

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DOE Publishes Commuter Toolkit and Announces Upcoming Webinars

SPO announces the release of the [Getting There Together, Sustainable Commuting at U.S. Department of Energy National Laboratories: Report & Toolkit](#) in conjunction with Argonne National Laboratory (ANL). The toolkit includes best practices and resources for developing and implementing activities that aim to reduce employee commuter emissions. Some topics discussed include alternatives to traditional commuting such as teleworking, ridesharing, mass transit, and driving low-emission vehicles. The report is geared to help DOE labs and facilities best accommodate their employees' transit needs, while minimizing energy consumption and carbon emissions from traditional commuting methods. Webinars on these practices and how to best utilize the tool kit will be forthcoming. For more information please contact Mary Ann Youell at myouell@anl.gov.

